

The Fishin' Mission

SCRIPTURE: John 21

MEMORY VERSE: Jesus said, "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Peter, James, John

Who likes to fish?? There is a story in the Bible about some fishermen who had an amazing fish story to tell. Peter, James, John and some other disciples of Jesus decided to go fishing one night. Their friend, Jesus, had died on the cross and risen from the dead a few days before, but they were feeling lonely and sad because they missed Him.

One night they set out in a small boat to fish on the Sea of Galilee. Even though they were very good fishermen, they could not catch any fish. They threw their nets out to catch the fish but when they pulled the nets back in, they caught nothing! They threw out their nets again and again all night, but they couldn't catch any fish! The Bible says that when the sun started to come up, the fishermen heard someone calling from the shore.

"Friends, have you caught any fish?"

"No!" they answered.

Then, the man on the shore shouted, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." When they did, they caught so many fish in the net they struggled to haul the net in to the boat!!

But John recognized the man on the shore. It was Jesus! Peter was so excited he jumped into the water and swam ashore! The other disciples followed him in the boat, dragging the heavy net to shore. When they landed, they counted 153 big fish in the net and their net was not even torn! What a miracle!!

They were so excited to see their friend Jesus again. When they reached the shore, Jesus had a fire going with fish and bread cooking for breakfast. Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught," and they all ate together. The disciples knew Jesus was their Savior and loved them. They knew He had the power to do anything! The Bible says, "With God, nothing is impossible!"

Jesus loves you and me, too. And He can help us with any problem, big or small. Trust Him to help you every day of your life!

Trust Him to save you from sin and give you eternal life!!